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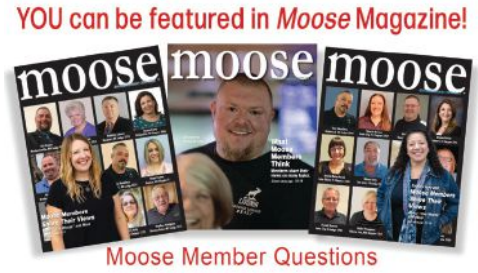

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ceo's column

After the snow had stopped falling, cloaked in the darkness of an early winter morning, I shuffled my way across the street to our elderly neighbors' home. Snow shovel in hand, I had planned to clear their sidewalk and steps without them knowing it. I don't know what time they woke up, but the kitchen lights were on and they were at the table enjoying a hot cup of coffee.

This act of service had NOT begun as a self-initiated volunteer opportunity, but rather an order from the top down – mother directed. I had been volun-told.

That cold and windy morning, as I just finished clearing the steps, the door cracked open and a gentle voice inside whispered, "Thank you." Those two words were enough – no money was ever given, no award received. Their cup was filled by the kindness of a neighbor and mine was filled with knowing I had made a difference in someone's life.

Mooseheart senior Tilar Murphy will be graduating on Saturday, June 1, 2024. During his time at Mooseheart, he has been involved in numerous volunteer projects. Students are taught to live by the Mooseheart motto, "Enter to Learn, Leave to Serve." Tilar has learned the importance of donating blood, supporting the fight against breast cancer and feeding the hungry. This spring, the senior class will travel north to Wisconsin to volunteer alongside members on both lodge and community-wide service projects.

This time in Wisconsin is a chance for Tilar and the rest of the Class of 2024 to say "thank you" for all the care, love and protection The Moose Fraternity has offered for the children at Mooseheart.

You may not shovel snow from a front sidewalk at Mooseheart, but you do provide an amazing home for every child. To each and every one of you, who are serving and meeting the needs of others (publicly and privately), the door is cracked open – can you hear the child's soft whisper? No monetary award, no participation trophy handed out, just a simple "thank you."

Please know that you are deeply appreciated and our children are forever grateful for your generosity. Continue to be a blessing in the lives of others. Now where is my snow shovel? God Bless! ■

Scott Hart *CEO, PSG PIP*

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*In September, **Englewood, FL Lodge 1933** presented Lemon Bay High School Theatre with a $5,000 check. Accepting the check was LBHS Theatre Director Gina Barber. The donation is from a trust fund given to the lodge by Mrs. Trite to be used for children's organizations.*

***Pullman, WA Lodge 943** and **Moscow, ID Lodge 871** participated in the National Lentil Fest in Pullman, WA and raised $2,000 for the lodges' maintenance fund. In addition, the "Palouse Moose" was awarded Best Bites and received a certificate from the mayor.*

***Cortland, OH Lodge 1012** held a car show and presented an $8,000 check to Hilltop Heroes and Horses. The organization uses horses to deliver therapy to local veterans.*

*Members of **West Nashville, TN Lodge 2221** participated this summer in the State of Tennessee's Trash Pickup Day.*

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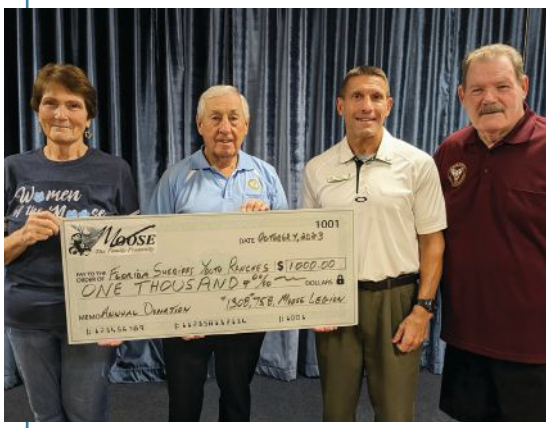
Merritt Island, FL Lodge 2073
Moose Legion donated $1,000 to House of Hope, an all-volunteer outreach that meets the physical and spiritual needs of hundreds of households and the homeless. Right, Moose Legion Chairman Barry Miller presents the check to House of Hope Executive Director Steve Young.



Venice, FL Lodge 1308/Chapter 758
and Venice Moose Legion donated $1,000 to the Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches. Left to right, Senior Regent Mary Foster, Lodge President Bob Fultz, Ranches Donor Relations Officer Mike Kiel, and Moose Legionnaire Donald Green.

community service

Making a Difference — It's What We Do!

Lodge President Chrisopher Cotter (shown above with WOTM treasurer Kristin Tobin, second from left, and members of ***New Bedford, MA Lodge 914****) distributed 150 backpacks filled with school supplies to local students in-need. Backpacks were delivered to DeValles and Cogdon Elementary and Wee Little Munchkins Daycare.*

Oak Ridge, TN Lodge 1316 *supported Operation Shoebox this fall. The lodge donated personal hygiene products, snacks, small puzzle books, flavored water mix, games, writing material and more to fill 65 shoe boxes. These will be distributed to military service members deployed overseas.*

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Port Charlotte, FL Lodge 2121 *sponsored a "Fighting for Dana" event, to benefit Dana McManus, who is a mother of seven children and the daughter of Moose Legionnaire Jeff Thomas. The event started with a poker run and finished with a pig roast at the lodge. Volunteers from* ***North Port, FL Lodge 764*** *and* ***Punta Gorda, FL Lodge 693*** *assisted with the event.*

Riverhead, NY Lodge 1742 *invited Rverhead Police Department K-9 officers Morris and Burns and their partners, Loki and Onyx to an August lodge meeting. Lodge President Brett Marascia presented Lt. Ed Frost with a $1,000 check to help with training aids for the dogs and officers. The funds were raised from member donations and bottle and can redemptions.*

For the past seven years ***Clifton Forge, VA Lodge 1683*** *members Paula Crance and Sonya Romanello have directed Special Theatrical Artists Review & Showcase (STARS), which is a group of physically- and intellectually-disabled individuals who perform music and dance. The lodge provides a place for STARS to practice and hosts the group's dances. The group has grown from 10 members to 25-30 members and some members are now lodge members.*

S T A R S

Naples, FL Lodge 1782 *hosted a Celebration of Life and Draping of the Charter in August for 22-year member and volunteer Patti Finch-Hesketh, who was known as "Peppermint Patti." The lodge raised $1,000 for the Mooseheart Music Department in Hesketh's honor.*

Shinnston, WV Lodge 929 *donated $2,500 to the local volunteer fire department to help purchase an "extractor washer" which is used to wash fire gear. From left are Chuck Blake, Shinnston Fire Chief Donald Lindsey, and lodge President Rick Laughlin.*

Berwyn, IL Lodge 424 *raised $80,148 for Mooseheart to purchase items on its "Wish List." Administrator Peter Gulyas (left) presented the check to Mooseheart Executive Director Gary Urwiler.*

feature

London Culp Honors Grandfather With Mooseheart Fundraiser

> “My grandpa died the day before Valentine’s Day and now, rather than feel sad, I make other people happy. I do the fundraisers for children’s organizations, so they know someone cares.”

Of the cheers on Indiana Day, none was as long or heartfelt as the one given to 10-year-old London Culp, from Frankfort, IN, who raised $850 for Moose Charities in honor of her grandfather, Richard Bates, a lifetime member of **Frankfort, IN Lodge 7**, who passed away in 2017.

“It made me happy, but also it also made me a little nervous, because everyone was looking at me when they were clapping. I didn’t do it for that. I did it to help people,” London Culp said.

London’s mother and Bates’ daughter, Kim Culp, said London and her father had been close. “Three years ago, near the anniversary, (London) was having a difficult time, and I said, ‘London, why don’t you do something nice and make this a happy time?’” Kim Culp said.

London said she wanted to donate to people who were less fortunate. Her fundraiser is called “Show Some Love” and involves baking treats for both animals and people.

“We do it around Valentine’s Day,” London Culp said. “My grandpa died the day before Valentine’s Day and now, rather than feel sad, I make other people happy. I do it for children’s organizations, so they know someone cares. It helps me feel less sad.

This year, Kim Culp said she and London were talking about Mooseheart and what it did for children and London said, “that’s what I want to do this year.” London and her mother met Mooseheart students and toured the campus during Indiana Day, and the experience impacted both deeply.

The Indiana Day experience has caused London to decide she wants to organize a second fundraiser in 2024, to again raise funds specifically for Mooseheart. ■

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)

Monday, July 22, 2024

Moose Legion Secretary Training – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Moose Legion Secretary Training (cont.) – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
2-HOTT Training – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Registration Open – Noon – 6 p.m.
Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – Noon – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Registration – 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Moose Legion Breakfast & Session – 8 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Moose International Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
WOTM Sessions – 9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Star Luncheon & Conferral – 12:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Moose Workshops – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Moose Legion Conference Session – 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Moose Trainers Meeting – 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Opening Session of The Moose – 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Thursday, July 25, 2024

Fellowship Breakfast & Conferral – 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
2nd Session of The Moose – 10 a.m. – Noon
College of Regents Luncheon – 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
Moose Workshops – 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.
College of Regents Conferral – 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Evening – Open

Friday, July 26, 2024

Academy of Friendship Breakfast – 7 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Registration, Gift Store and Displays Open – 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
3rd Session of The Moose/March of Checks – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Pilgrim Luncheon – Noon – 1:30 p.m.
TBD – 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Moose Workshops – 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Evening – Open

Saturday, July 27, 2024

Installation of Officers – 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
League of Guardians Event – 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
25 Club/Fun Night – 8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

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Littlest Ramblers

Pennsylvania Baby Village serves Mooseheart's youngest children

When they chose the names for the buildings in Mooseheart's Pennsylvania Baby Village, they chose four Pennsylvania rivers – Allegheny, Juniata, Schuylkill and Susquehanna. That 1922 decision was perfectly-made, given the love, nurturing and education that has flowed there in just over one century of its existence. Those homes, combined with the Early Childhood Recreation Center (ECRC), are formed in a circle across the street from the House of God.

Baby Village opened in 1922.

That loving current is still strong at Baby Village, where the campus' youngest residents experience the stability and structure needed as they go through the formative years of their lives. At the heart of everything, as with all other areas on Mooseheart's campus, are the Family Teachers, who take the framework provided by the campus and fill it with fun and learning as these "Littlest Ramblers" launch their lives.

Though the layout of the buildings has changed little in over 100 years, everything about Baby Village is modern, from the furnishings to the toys – all provided by The Moose. Visitors always smile at some of the items in the homes designed for preschool-aged children, such as the child-sized bathroom fixtures. Those same visitors also smile when they see the fun and wonder children are allowed to have through the same safe haven all children find at Mooseheart.

"For parents to say 'I need help and I trust you to raise my child or my kids,' that has got to be one of the hardest decisions a guardian can make. For me, that's a sacred duty, that responsibility we have on behalf of those parents with those children," Mooseheart Director of Residential Living, Alice Daneels said.

The children at Baby Village get to experience things children do across the U.S. They take trips to pumpkin patches, Halloween trick-or-treating, putting ornaments on a Christmas tree – all holidays are celebrated. Mooseheart allows special learning opportunities as well, such as the chance to learn from an early age how to look after and to ride a horse.

"When you go there, the children always want to show you what they are doing or tell you how their day has been. You can literally see them growing each time you go and visit," Daneels said.

Mooseheart is the only residential childcare facility in the country that accepts children from infancy to 6-years-old. The youngest babies were only days old when they came to Baby Village, though the youngest at the moment is 2-years-old.

"We want to provide the nurturing and the developmental goals and all the help that they need. A lot of our children come in with deficits in various areas. Sometimes it's language and sometimes it's developmental. To help them, we work with area organizations that can provide help with speech or Occupational Therapy or other things that they need," Daneels said.

In Juniata Home, the children come under the care of Family Teacher Janet Tomasek, as well as fellow Family Teachers Allison Martinson and Amanda Ponziani.

Tomasek has been a Family Teacher in various roles with older children at Mooseheart, but loves her role in Baby Village.

"We provide that safety net that the kids know they are going to come home, they are going to be able to have dinner, shower and then have their own bed to sleep in. They have their pajamas just as they had their clothes and they will get that hug that they need before bed. It's a lot of small things, but sometimes those are the things they don't have before.

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> "I need help and I trust you to raise my child or my kids."
>
> Parent of a Mooseheart Resident

Baby Village has been ready to take some of the youngest children in-need and give them a place to live, learn and thrive — and that commitment will continue thanks to the Moose and their support of Mooseheart.

Paula Goodrich, Family Teacher

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>
> Paula Goodrich, Family Teacher

The benefits from all those little constancies are visible in the normalcy one sees when visiting Baby Village or interacting with one of the children.

"You see the progress more quickly in Baby Village, because their steps forward are sometimes massive. It's a lot of hard work, but its emotionally rewarding," Tomasek said.

Sometimes, the learning that takes place comes from simple observation of the Family Teachers.

"We have one boy who wants his own tools, so he can fix things. I had to fix bicycle training wheels, and he saw me doing it. Now he wants to fix things too. They are constantly watching and learning," Tomasek said.

Then, there are the times when imaginations are allowed to run freely – and Tomasek said those are wonderful experiences as well.

"One day, we got a box that had a rocking chair in it. After we put together the rocking chair, the box turned into a fort and then it was a ramp and then it was a cave for a bear. They had a box and their imaginations and they went all kinds of places with it," Tomasek said.

All of these things are important, because no one stays in Baby Village forever. Like all children, elementary school is in the distance.

"The development from birth to 3-years-old is critical. If we can catch their delays early enough and understand what they are, we can set them on a firm foundation. We provide those same resources for the school-aged children at Mooseheart too. Those are things they will carry into the elementary and high school years, and then they won't struggle as much in those years," Daneels said.

At the ECRC, the students come under the care of Paula Goodrich, who has been a Family Teacher for 27 years. Like Tomasek, Goodrich has worked with older children at Mooseheart, but she has also worked in Baby Village and the ECRC for roughly 15 years.

"I love seeing their personalities grow. A lot of children who come here were being raised by grandmas and grandpas, and I see my role as being a surrogate parent," Goodrich said.

The ECRC provides building blocks in every Baby Village child's education. In addition to learning colors, shapes, letters and numbers, children also learn the core elements of interpersonal behavior.

Goodrich works with fellow Family Teacher Debbie Denekas, who has also been at Mooseheart for years, and together, they make learning fun through a variety of games and activities.

Paula Goodrich

"Every day here is different. We try to teach them the best we can in the time we have them. We know they don't all stay through high school graduation, but we try to give them the best we can in the time that we have them here," Goodrich said.

In addition to learning how to succeed, Baby Village children also learn how to make mistakes – and this is not only allowed, it's a necessary part to the educational process.

"We want them to try new things and to have new experiences. We want them to be questioning how the world works, because that is how children are at this age," Daneels said.

The needs are sometimes massive, as some of the things the children learn at Baby Village are things they would not have gained outside of Mooseheart. Daneels said this is one opportunity to close educational deficits at an early age, which will leave them better prepared for elementary school and beyond.

"Not only are some of the children who come to us below school age, but some of them weren't learning much at home either. The staff in the home – these may be the first people who have taught them about shapes or colors or numbers. Their minds are like little sponges and they pick up things very quickly," Daneels said.

Sometimes, however, children stay at Mooseheart from Baby Village until they receive their high school diplomas.

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Debbie Denekas

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Right, Janet Tomasek

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For more than a century, Baby Village has been ready to take some of the youngest children in-need and give them a place to live, learn and thrive – and that commitment will continue, thanks to the Moose and their support of Mooseheart.

"The world's often not a kind place. To be able to offer that assistance and support – not only to the kids but to the parents – is huge. To 'stand in the gap,' as (Daneels) says, and to meet those needs and to care for those kids is not only a responsibility, but it's a huge honor," Tomasek said. ■

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One year removed from the iconic "haul the wall" move at Martinsville Speedway, Ross Chastain's daring and historic choice was still a popular topic of conversation during the 2023 Xfinity 500 this past October.

Needing to pass two cars with one lap to go to advance in the 2022 playoffs, Chastain chose a video game maneuver as a last-ditch effort to make it to the final four in Phoenix. That move, the "Hail Melon", saw Chastain shift into fifth gear, floor the gas pedal, and follow the outside wall in turns 3 & 4, creating enough speed that he was able to pass five cars to move forward in the playoffs. While daring, it was also dangerous, and has since been outlawed by NASCAR.

Even legendary driver and commentator Dale Earnhardt Jr. was impressed, as he said "It still doesn't look real, a year later. You think it's been edited. They (Trackhouse) designed a helmet scheme where the right side looked like it was already marred up, that it had rode the wall. You see 'Moose' on the hood and they really leaned into what happened a year ago."

Many have said it is one of the greatest moves in NASCAR history. Unfortunately, Ross could not duplicate his heroics from a year ago, finishing in 14th place in this year's race.

Chastain capped the 2023 season by winning the NASCAR Cup Series Championship race in Phoenix. The win was Chastain's second of the season and fourth as a Cup Series driver.

The Moose and Trackhouse have already signed a two-year extension to sponsor Ross and the No. 1 Chevrolet Camaro through the 2025 NASCAR season. A **Tice and the Shores, FL Lodge 1297** member, Chastain continues to serve the Fraternity as a proud spokesman when not racing.

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Much of the excitement of Mooseheart homecoming takes place in the week leading to the Moose Fraternity's formal festivities.

Every day, students come to school in themed clothing – pajamas on Monday, for example. leading to the traditional Spirit Day on Friday. The high school also has a series of "Minute To Win It" challenges, pitting the classes against each other in competition for the Spirit Stick.

Events also pick up pace on Friday, when not only the Spirit Stick is handed out (to the Class of 2024 this year), but the Homecoming Court is announced. Charlotte Nyirarukundo and Tilar Murphy were named Homecoming King and Queen (photo bottom, left).

It rained on Saturday of Homecoming week this year. However, that didn't dampen Ramblers' spirits nor those of the many Moose from Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania – and other states – who came to make presentations and to cheer on the soccer team to its Homecoming victory. ■

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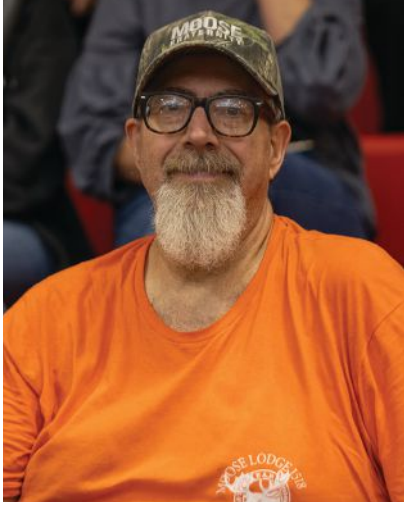

When it wants to create a friendly rivalry, the Indiana Moose Association splits between its northern and southern regions. The rivalry is never long-lasting, and at celebrations like Indiana Days at Mooseheart, the association showers the campus with Fraternal love.

In recent years, Indiana Day has moved from its long-held spot in mid-summer to a Sunday during the school year, so members could see the entire campus population.

This fall, Indiana Day took place the Sunday at the end of Homecoming Week, and a number of Indiana Moose arrived a day early to see the presentations and watch the soccer match. Then a large crowd convened on Sunday for Indiana Day and cheered at the Women of the Moose gym. The Mooseheart band played and students sponsored by Indiana's Fraternal Units received gifts provided by members from those lodges or chapters.

One of the signature moments of any Indiana Day, however, comes at the end, when Greg Sain, (at right in top left photo) the Administrator from **Speedway, IN Lodge 500**, steps forward to announce that his lodge has provided gift cards for every student on campus. All Hoosier Moose, from all corners of the state, stood and cheered – unified again in their love of Mooseheart. ■

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Mooseheart, and later, Moosehaven, were Davis' twin visions for the Moose, so the Fraternity always celebrates Founder's Day, which celebrates Davis' Oct. 27 birthday.

This year, Ohio and Michigan Moose gathered on Saturday morning of Founder's Day weekend in the House of God and celebrated with Mooseheart's children. **Greenville, OH Lodge 329** provided letter jackets for Ramblers athletes and band students – a legacy that began in 1986, when current Mooseheart Executive Director Gary Urwiler was a Mooseheart High School senior, In honor of the tradition, Urwiler wore his letter jacket to the celebration. The Michigan Moose Association then presented desk clock/entertainment centers to all members of the Mooseheart Class of 2024.

Following the program at the House of God, the Michigan Moose Association made presentations at Michigan Home – including a new outdoor grill. Later in the afternoon, there was reverse trick-or-treating and other events.

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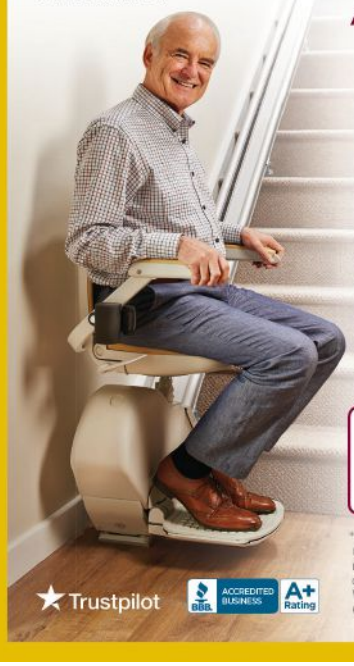

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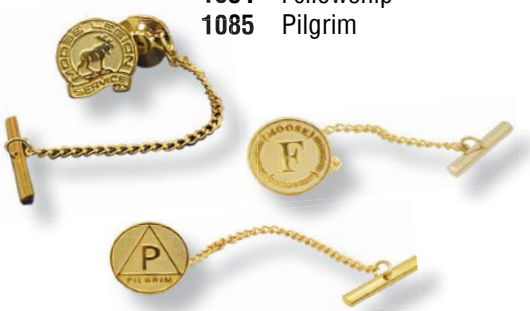

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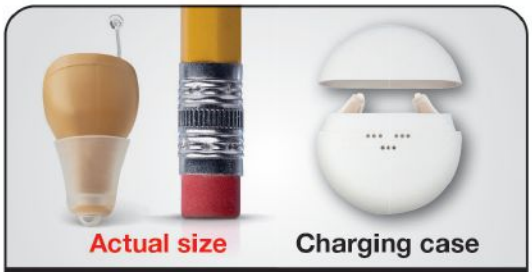

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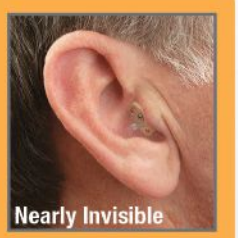

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The 2023-24 Lodge Grant Program, designed to provide funds for lodge improvements to make the home more inviting for new and existing members, saw 531 lodges apply for funds with overall requests in excess of $10M. Based on the demand, the Board not only granted the budgeted amount of $1M, but also added a supplemental amount of nearly $150,000 in order to help more lodges. In total, 196 lodges received varying amounts of grant money which went to improvement projects such as roof replacements, HVAC repairs, flooring replacement, parking lot refurbishment, kitchen facility upgrades, social quarters furniture updates, and more.

The 2023-24 Marketing Grant Program had $500,000 committed to it to start the year, and awards grants up to $3,000 per lodge to promote themselves within the communities in which they operate. As of November, 139 lodges have been awarded $280,000 in grants, but funds remain available. Look for the 2023-24 Grant Programs page in the Programs/Events Section of the Moose International website for information on how to apply. ■

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Members Share Their Thoughts

June Supe
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Lodge 2206

What do you feel the Moose has done well as an organization in the last five years? Where do you feel the organization could still improve?
The grant programs are a positive. The Fraternity should restructure the Women of the Moose (WOTM) jurisdictions, similar to the Moose Legion, but keep separate chapters. WOTM Ambassadors, like Moose Legion Ambassadors could help chapters. We need all women to get involved! The WOTM needs more representation.

What do you feel is the best way for the organization to reward achievement through its higher degrees? What changes would you suggest?
The Fraternity should incorporate new degrees for all members, benefitting our new organization as a whole. We need a "highest degree of the Order" that is available for all members to earn. We should, however, keep some separate degrees for Moose Legion or WOTM.

How has expansion of leadership opportunities to include all members of the Fraternity impacted your lodge?
It has certainly helped our lodge fill the elected and appointed officer positions as well as all the chairman positions. We continue to struggle to get members to our meetings and would like ideas on what we can do to encourage them to come and to get involved.

Jeremy Hough
Palmer, AK
Lodge 793

What do you feel the Moose has done well as an organization in the last five years? Where do you feel the organization could still improve?
In the last five years, the Moose has successfully expanded its operations through a gain in membership. The Moose has focused on enhancing customer experience by focusing, embracing and maintaining good customer relationships. The Fraternity has invested in its officers and employees through revamped training and development programs. This effort has fostered a skilled and motivated presence in the lodge.

What do you feel is the best way for the organization to reward achievement through its higher degrees? What changes would you suggest?
I would love to see clear and transparent criteria for achieving higher degrees. These criteria should be performance-based, where all members are evaluated equally. Any program should provide a clear path that establishes opportunities for growth. This can include offering specialized training programs, mentoring relationships or access to resources that help members acquire the necessary knowledge and skills to advance to higher degrees.

In what creative ways has your lodge marketed itself using the Moose International Board of Directors Local Marketing Grant Program?
Our lodge partnered with the local community in events such as local parades, where we handed out candy, coloring books and other items. Organizing these community service events showcased our lodge's facilities, activities and commitment to community involvement, which created an opportunity for people to learn more about our lodge and potentially for them to join as members.

How has expansion of leadership opportunities to include all members of the Fraternity impacted your lodge?
The expansion of leadership opportunities increased member engagement. By opening leadership positions to all members, more individuals have been given the opportunity to actively participate in the lodge's decision-making process. When all members have the opportunity to take on leadership roles, it promotes a sense of inclusion within the lodge.

More member responses will appear in the February - March 2024 issue.

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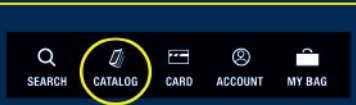

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Heart Of The Community Events Take Center Stage

Moosehaven prepared well in order to be successful during its "busy season." The residents are "Always Active at Moosehaven," but as the campus enters the latter part of the year, its busier!

On Oct. 31, Moosehaven hosted its Trick-or-Treat event, welcomed approximately 4,000 visitors to campus. Residents handed out over 4,000 pounds of candy to visiting goblins and ghouls!

On Nov. 11, Moosehaven welcomed teams from across the nation to compete for the Best Chili and the Best Decorated Booth at the annual Chili Cook-off. Professional teams competed in the International Chili Society division. This year, the proceeds from Tasting Kit sales benefitted the Town of Orange Park Friends of the Park charity. The proceeds from the Fraternal Flame Sponsorships benefitted the Moosehaven AAA Project. The project, which will expand and update Moosehaven's space for activites, is set for a 2024 groundbreaking.

Both autumn events are part of Moosehaven's Heart of the Community Program, where the campus opens its gates and invites the community to experience the beautiful campus while attending events that are safe, family-friendly, and free. The Heart of Community program helps fulfill Moosehaven's longstanding commitment to community service.

We look forward to seeing many of you at future Heart of the Community events. Thank you once again for your continued support. For more information on Moosehaven, please visit www.moosehaven.org. ■

— Marina Mathews, Moosehaven Director of Communications

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Sipes Enjoys Visiting With Members

Chairman of the Board John Sipes enjoyed his visit to ***Colstrip, MT Lodge 2190****. In the photo top, left, he accepted a check for Moose Charities from* ***Colstrip, MT Chapter 99*** *Junior Past Regent Mary Ann Whitehead. Above right, Sipes helped present Tommy Moose plush with Colstrip lodge and* ***Lewistown, MT Lodge 1239 members*** *to the Montana Department of Transportation's Motor Carrier Services. Above, before he departed, Sipes posed in front of the lodge with Colstrip Treasurer Scott Krebs.*

The first six months of the Moose membership campaign are behind us as we prepare for the holidays and the New Year and all that lies ahead in 2024.

My wife Linda and I have traveled to several Associations and many lodges over the past few months. In each case, we have heard of the many accomplishments as well as the exciting plans of both individual members and their Fraternal units. This is a truly exciting time for our Fraternity!

This time of the year can also be a fun time in our lodges as there are many holiday events to enjoy. Lodges also often plan watch parties for sporting events and various other gatherings, so it's a good time to check to see what's been planned. Bringing our members together through these events creates a sense of belonging and Fraternalism, which are cornerstones of our organization.

Among the events that punctuated a busy fall season at Moosehaven were the 13th Annual Chili Cook-off, which had its usual great attendance from local residents as well as Moose members from across the country. All who attended enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment, the car show, the vendors and – of course – the great-tasting chili!

Fall was also a busy season at Mooseheart, with events including Homecoming weekend, Founder's Day weekend and the many "Association Days." All these events were well-attended by members who showed they cared about the children who live there.

Linda and I would like to thank each of you for what you continue to do, day in and day out, especially those who ask your qualified friends, relatives and associates to join our great Fraternity. When you do this, you help to ensure a "Bright Future," as our Membership campaign theme asserts. I believe a "Threepeat" – three straight years of increased membership – is in sight! Remember that the Moose is strong, and it's time to belong.

Wishing each of you a very happy holiday season. ■

— John Sipes, Chairman of the Board

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Expanded Moose Sports Calender Has Something for Everyone

If you're looking for a way to meet friends, travel the country and compete in Fraternal sporting competition – then the Moose is ready for you in 2024. Beginning with Texas Hold 'Em in January and concluding with Soft-Tip Darts in October, hardly a month will pass without some form of International Moose Sports tournament.

Tournaments such as bowling, pool, horseshoes and golf are still on the calendar. However, a number of new events have been added including cornhole and pickleball. Other recent additions are soft-tip darts and trap shooting.

"We are trying to provide members with a chance to meet other members in sports that they enjoy. The competition is great, but we want folks to have a chance to meet people from other parts of the Fraternity too," Coordinator of Activities and Heart of the Community Will Harrison said.

Longtime tournaments such as bowling, pool, horseshoes and golf are still on the calendar. However, a number of new events have been added in recent years, including cornhole and pickleball.

"These are sports that are very popular right now and members have taken to these new tournaments really well. We're also aware that members love some of the tournaments that have a long history, and we want to continue with those too," Harrison said.

A 2023 poll by Ipsos found that cornhole (20%) and bowling (19%) are the two most popular participation sports in the U.S. Cornhole's popularity has led to a professional league, with competition televised on ESPN.

Pickleball is the fastest-growing sport in the U.S., with an estimated 36.5 million participants, according to the Association of Pickleball Professionals.

"We know members are already competing in these sports either in their lodges or on their own, and we've seen that reflected in enthusiasm for the tournaments. We didn't want to take anything away from members, but we wanted to give them new things to try," Harrison said.

Other recent additions – soft-tip darts and trap shooting – give further chances for members to compete. In total, there are 10 international tournaments sponsored by the Moose.

Harrison added that the sports calendar is always under review, and new sports could be added as existing tournaments might be removed. The current International Sports Tournament calendar can be found on Page 46. ■

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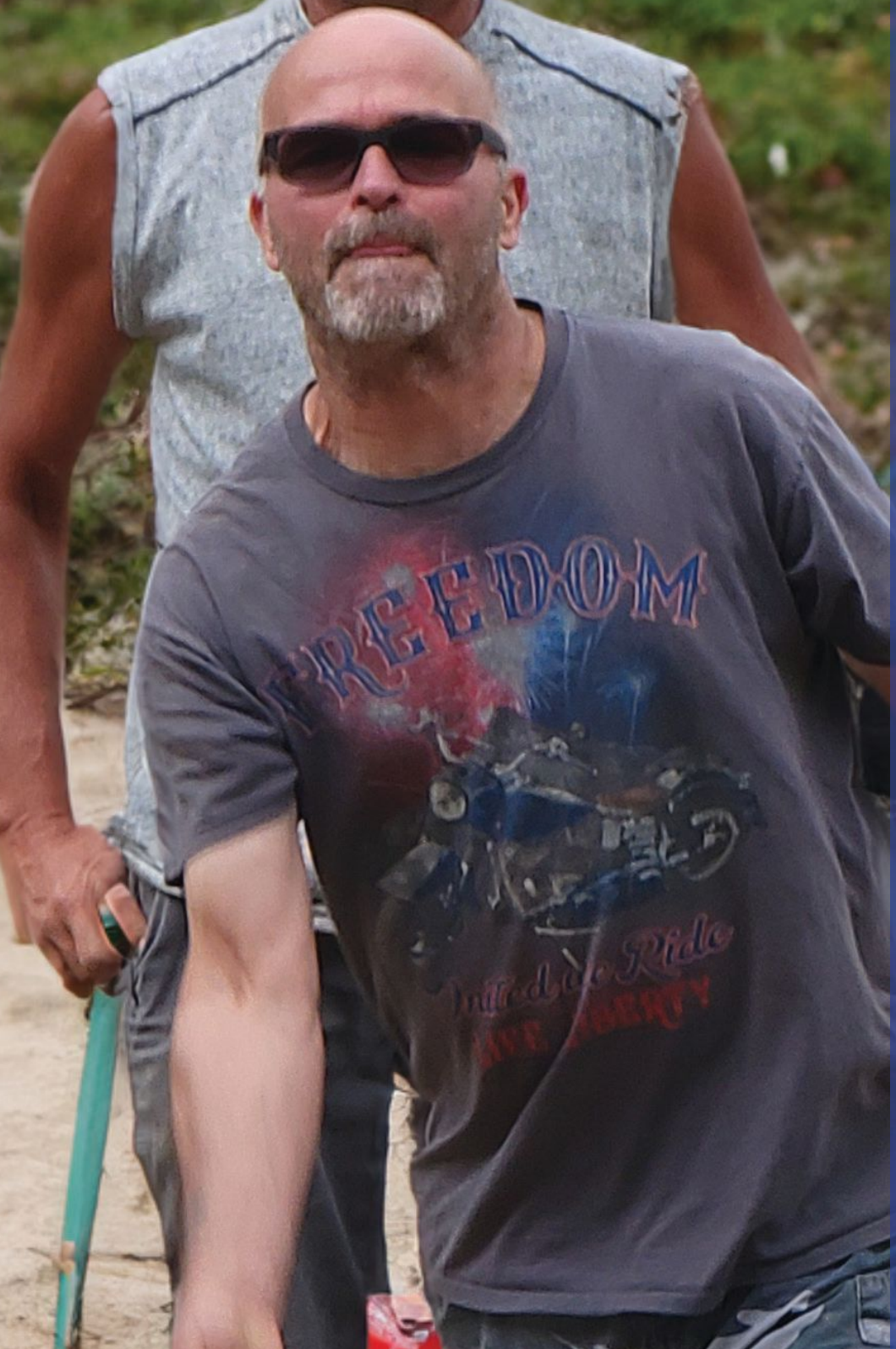

2024 International Moose Sports Tournaments

Texas Hold Em
Las Vegas NV
January 7 - 11, 2024

Pickleball
Tamarac Lodge, FL 2267
Feb 10 - 11, 2024

Steel Tip Darts
Lynchburg South, VA 1727
April 20 - 21, 2024

Bowling
Sandwich, IL 1016
April 27 - 28, 2024
May 4 - 5, 2024

Horseshoes
Sylvania, OH 1579
June 22 - 23, 2024

Pool
Duncan, OK 2202
July 9 - 12, 2024

Cornhole
Paradise, CA 2227
Aug 10 - 11, 2024

Trap Shoot
Mooseheart, IL 2655
Aug 24 - 25, 2024

Golf
East Mesa, AZ 2082
Sept 13 - 15, 2024

Soft Tip Darts
Pacifica, CA 1944
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I recently had the opportunity to visit a couple of buildings on the Moosehaven campus that have been transformed from what I remember from years ago. They are more beautiful and more magnificent than ever before. They are bright, fresh and modern, but still hold pieces of their former look and parts of their past. The entire Moosehaven campus is very different than it was in 1995, when I first visited.

Likewise, this Fraternity is no stranger to transformation. What started as a "men's club" 135 years ago was given a purpose and mission in 1913 with the addition of Mooseheart, the Women of the Moose and the Moose Legion. Another transformation was made in 1922 with a new home for our senior members at Moosehaven and another mission added to our cause. In 2021, we saw the unification of men and women into The Moose.

These changes, and others, have added life and purpose to our organization that is dedicated to protecting and caring for others yet keeping parts of our past. Transformation oftentimes happens so seamlessly we hardly notice. Many of you may remember cartoon character Dick Tracy's two-way wrist radio of 1946. That very watch inspired the Smartwatch of today.

Transistor radios of the 1960s, have transformed to wireless earbuds, which can be connected to your cellphone – and now no one worries that a "station doesn't come in." The list could go on of items that have transformed our lives.

So, what's next to keep this Fraternity strong, vibrant and essential? Perhaps we take a look at how we reward our members for outstanding efforts. What was good for our members in the past might not apply or appeal to our current membership. You have a chance to weigh in on a subject that cannot be taken lightly. Be sure you take the Higher Degree survey on the Moose International website: www.mooseintl.org/moose-higher-degree-survey/.

Our lives and the world are regularly transforming, but one thing remains constant: My sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for what you do every day to enrich the lives of others in need. Our children, our senior members and our communities depend on your generosity because that's what we do. Most of all, thank you for the warmth and camaraderie we bring to each other each and every day of the year. The Women of the Moose wish you a very Merry Christmas!. ■

— Barb McPherson, Grand Chancellor

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New $1 Joint-Injection Pill Puts Surgeons Out of Work

Studies show active ingredient boosts the same lubricating joint fluid in just days without expensive injections. Relieves joint stiffness. Increases joint mobility and freedom.

By J.K. Roberts

Interactive News Media

INM — A popular needle injection for joint sufferers is now being replaced by an inexpensive non-prescription pill called FlexJointPlus.

The developers of this new pill say it delivers the same relief molecule as injections in just days. However, it has some impressive advantages.

First, it's inexpensive and non-prescription. Also, studies show the active ingredient delivers relief to every joint in the body because it enters the bloodstream through the digestive system.

Top doctors have recommended needle injections in the past because they deliver powerful relief. Unfortunately, the shots are painful and expensive. They also only work on the joint being treated.

But initial FlexJointPlus users report greater flexibility and less stiffness in their knees. Hands and shoulders move pain-free for the first time in years. Even neck and lower back pain improve dramatically.

Even upstate New York senior Paul Sansbury says his knee pain has gone from 8 out of 10 to a two after just 7 days, and no longer needs a cane.

"I needed a left knee replacement, but since using FlexJointPlus, I have less pain. I can walk...I feel much comfort...and I ditched my cane. I am 82 years old," he says.

BREAKTHROUGH MEDICAL DISCOVERY

Doctors have used joint injections to boost a critical element of the joint called synovial fluid. This lubricating fluid is found between the cartilage and bones of every joint.

Until recently there's been no way to deliver the "relief molecule" needed to boost synovial fluid in the body without a needle.

But now after years of intensive research, scientists have discovered a new pill that not only helps boost synovial fluid in multiple affected joints, but can provide long-lasting relief from pain by actually delivering this molecule through the bloodstream.

Many joint pain sufferers see an increase in flexibility and mobility. Others are able to get back to doing the things they love.

PROOF THAT IT WORKS: Dr. David Vallance was so astounded by the clinical results of FlexJointPlus' active ingredient that he said; "Based on my 20 years of experience with joint patients, FlexJointPlus receives my highest recommendation to any person suffering from joint pain and stiffness."

"My left hip joint was so stiff and painful I could barely get to sleep at night," says Amanda Johnson of Chatham, ON. "but since using FlexJointPlus my pain and stiffness has been relieved, and I am now able to get a good night's rest again."

SCIENTIFICALLY PROVEN RESULTS

A 90 day double-blind clinical study was performed on 160 joint patients suffering with grade 2 or 3 knee osteoarthritis for 1-5 years.

The results were published in the Journal of Arthritis in 2019.

Some participants experienced incredible results, reducing their knee pain and stiffness by 50% in just days.

The data also shows that their joint comfort just kept getting better the entire time they were taking the active ingredient during the clinical study.

"The active ingredient found in FlexJointPlus has extensive scientific support and has been tested in over a dozen well-controlled clinical studies," says Jesse Williams, Chief Developer for FlexJointPlus.

"The results of this study revealed that FlexJointPlus was effective in improving all measured parameters (joint pain, joint stiffness, activities of daily living and overall joint function). No serious adverse reactions were noted in any of the groups," he added.

The combination of quick relief coupled with continuing long-term relief is impressive to say the least.

And while no pill works for everyone, during this clinical trial, every one of the participants that took the active ingredient found in FlexJointPlus reported an improvement in their joint comfort.

HOW IT BOOSTS JOINT FLUID

"The latest research shows that as we age, the amount of synovial fluid in the joints decreases," says Christina Stevens, Medical Researcher for FlexJointPlus.

"Loss of this fluid results in a decrease in cartilage thickness and increase in friction, which can lead to joint degeneration and pain.

And now recent studies have shown the active ingredient found in FlexJointPlus has the unique ability to help boost this lubricating fluid for powerful joint relief," she added.

FlexJointPlus' key ingredient is known as NEM.

Clinical studies show NEM contains 4 key glycosaminoglycans that help boost the production of joint fluid allowing for effortless motion. It not only eases pain in the joints, but it also acts as a powerful lubricant.

"In essence, it can actually 'turn back the clock' on your tired, worn, old joints and help replace them with healthy, flexible, pain-free, new ones," she added.

There have also been no adverse side effects reported with the use of FlexJointPlus.

This is a bonus for joint sufferers who have been taking prescriptions that can cause gastric irritation over time.

NO MORE NEEDLES: New discovery may help people avoid painful injections like this one. The key joint-relieving molecule in these injections can now be delivered by taking a new low-cost pill called FlexJointPlus.

This seems to be another reason why the release of this powerful new pill has triggered such a frenzy of sales.

BACKED BY TOP MEDICAL DOCTORS

"I use FlexJointPlus everyday for my stiff and aching joints. I also have my wife and daughter taking it regularly as well," said Dr. Oozeer, G.P. from Windsor, ON

"One of my patients taking FlexJointPlus has reported a significant decrease in pain when going up or down stairs, sitting with legs bent for an extended period of time, and even getting up from a seated position," said Dr. Richard Gibson, chiropractor from Windsor, ON.

"Based on my 20 years of experience with joint patients, FlexJointPlus receives my highest recommendation to any person suffering from joint pain and stiffness," said Dr. David Vallance, Rheumatologist from Ann Arbor, MI.

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2024 International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference Takes Shape

In just under one year, Moose Legionnaires will converge on the Philadelphia area for the next stand-alone International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference. The event is scheduled for Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, 2024 at the Valley Forge Casino Resort. At right is a breakdown of the current tentative schedule:

Ritual Competition

The Moose Legion ritual competition will take place on Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2. Team entry forms will be included in a future Official Communication. In addition to the team entry form and competition entry fee, all individual competing ritualists must be registered for the conference.

Informational Sessions

Informational sessions are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon on both Friday, Nov. 1 and Saturday, Nov. 2.

Activities/Social Events

The schedule currently includes a few new social activities to take place on Thursday, Oct. 31. First, there will be an opportunity for designing and completing a piece of art with the help of a local art vendor. This will be limited to the first 100 individuals who sign up. Second, will be a cornhole tournament held in one of the venues inside the resort. Finally, there will be a Halloween costume party in the evening in one of the hotel ballrooms.

Training

There will be a two-day Moose Legion Secretary's Educational Conference (SEC) on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Oct. 31. This class is required for Moose Legion Secretaries every three years to be compliant with the Moose Legion Code of Rules. There are also plans to hold a Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) on Thursday, Oct. 31. All Moose Legion jurisdiction directors are required to take this course within three years of taking office.

Friday, Nov. 1 There is nothing scheduled in the afternoon to allow attendees the opportunity to visit attractions in the local area. Valley Forge Military Park, King of Prussia Mall, and Top Golf are just a couple of the options. That evening, we will conduct a "Cash Bash" raffle, with proceeds benefiting the Museum of Moose History renovation project.

Saturday, Nov. 2 The annual conference banquet, which includes announcement of the ritual competition results, will be held in the evening. Tickets are required to attend this event.

Saturday, Nov. 3 The conference concludes with the ritual competition critique and a Moose Legion meeting and conferral.

Information on registration, lodging reservations, and travel options will be forthcoming. Make plans now to be part of this fraternal gathering. We hope to see you there. ■

— Shawn Baile, Director of Moose Legion and Higher Degrees
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Will This Strange Antarctic Squid Solve America's Memory Crisis?

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Because DHA is so important, lacking enough of it is not only dangerous to your overall health but could be directly related to your brain shrinking with age.

With more than 16 million Americans suffering from age-associated cognitive impairment, it's clear to a top US doctor that's where the problem lies.

Regenerative medicine specialist Dr. Al Sears, says thankfully, "there's still hope for seniors. Getting more of this vital brain food can make a life changing difference for your mental clarity, focus, and memory."

Dr. Sears, a highly-acclaimed, board-certified doctor— who has published more than 500 studies and written 4 bestselling books — says we should be able to get enough DHA in our diets… but we don't anymore.

"For thousands of years, fish were a great natural source of DHA. But due to industrial fish farming practices, the fish we eat and the fish oils you see at the store are no longer as nutrient-dense as they once were," he explains.

DHA is backed by hundreds of studies for supporting razor sharp focus, extraordinary mental clarity, and a lightning quick memory… especially in seniors.

So, if you're struggling with focus, mental clarity, or memory as you get older…

Dr. Sears recommends a different approach.

THE SECRET TO A LASTING MEMORY

Research has shown that our paleo ancestors were able to grow bigger and smarter brains by eating foods rich in one ingredient — DHA.

"Our hippocampus thrives off DHA and grows because of it," explains Dr. Sears. "Without DHA, our brains would shrink, and our memories would quickly fade."

A groundbreaking study from the University of Alberta confirmed this. Animals given a diet rich in DHA saw a 29% boost in their hippocampus — the part of the brain responsible for learning and memory. As a result, these animals became smarter.

Another study on more than 1,500 seniors found that those whose brains were deficient in DHA had significantly smaller brains — a characteristic of accelerated aging and weakened memory.

PEOPLE'S BRAINS ARE SHRINKING AND THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW IT

Dr. Sears uncovered that sometime during the 1990s, fish farmers stopped giving their animals a natural, DHA-rich diet and began feeding them a diet that was 70% vegetarian.

"It became expensive for farmers to feed fish what they'd eat in the wild," explains Dr. Sears. "But in order to produce DHA, fish need to eat a natural, marine diet, like the one they'd eat in the wild."

"Since fish farmers are depriving these animals of their natural diet, DHA is almost nonexistent in the oils they produce."

"And since more than 80% of fish oil comes from farms, it's no wonder the country is experiencing a memory crisis. Most people's brains are shrinking and they don't even know it."

So, what can people do to improve their memory and brain function in the most effective way possible?

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MORE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS

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And 70-year-old Mark K. says, "My focus and memory are back to age-30 levels."

These are just a handful of the thousands of reviews Dr. Sears regularly receives thanks to his breakthrough memory formula, **Omega Rejuvenol**.

WHERE TO FIND OMEGA REJUVENOL

To secure bottles of this brain-booster, buyers should contact the Sears Health Hotline at **1-800-440-4983**. "It takes time to manufacture these bottles," says Dr. Sears. "The Hotline allows us to ship the product directly to customers who need it most."

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New Bladder Control Pill Sales May Surpass Adult Diapers By 2024

Drug-free discovery works, say doctors. Many adults ditching diapers and pads for clinical strength pill that triggers day and night bladder support.

By T.J. Roberts
Interactive News Media

INM — Over 150,000 doses have shipped to bladder sufferers so far, and sales continue to climb every day for the 'diaper replacing' new pill called BladderMax.

"We knew we had a great product, but it's even exceeded our expectations," said Keith Graham, Manager of Call Center Operations for BladderMax.

"People just keep placing orders, it's pretty amazing," he said.

But a closer look at this new bladder control sensation suggests that maybe the company shouldn't have been caught off guard by its success.

There are very good reasons for BladderMax's surging popularity.

To begin with, clinical studies show BladderMax not only reduces embarrassing bladder leakages quickly, but also works to strengthen and calm the bladder for lasting relief.

Plus, at just $2 per daily dose, it's very affordable.

This may be another reason why American diaper companies are starting to panic over its' release.

"With daily use, BladderMax offers day and night bladder control relief without side effects," says Diane Lewis, Chief Researcher for BladderMax.

"And seniors in clinical studies reported a higher quality of life in just days as a result of needing less diapers. That's why so many doctors nationwide are now recommending it to patients," added Lewis.

WHAT SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED

BladderMax contains a proprietary compound with a known ability to reduce stress, urgency, and overflow leakages in seniors suffering from overactive bladder.

This compound is not a drug. It is the active ingredient in BladderMax.

Studies show it naturally strengthens the bladder's muscle tone while relaxing the urination muscles resulting in a decrease in sudden urgency.

Many sufferers enjoy a reduction in bathroom trips both day and night. Others are able to get back to doing the things they love without worrying about embarrassing leakages.

"I couldn't sit through a movie without having to go to the bathroom 3-4 times," says Theresa Johnson of Deluth, GA. "but since using BladderMax I can not only sit through a movie, but I can drive on the freeway to another city without having to immediately go to the bathroom."

With so much positive feedback, it's easy to see why sales for this newly approved bladder pill continue to climb every day.

SLASHES EMBARRASSING LEAKAGES BY 79%

The 6 week clinical study was carried out by scientists in Japan. The results were published in the *Journal of Medicine and Pharmaceutical Science* in 2001.

The study involved seniors who suffered from frequent and embarrassing bladder leakages. They were not instructed to change their daily routines. They were only told to take BladderMax's active ingredient every day.

The results were incredible.

Taking BladderMax's active ingredient significantly reduced both sudden urges to go and embarrassing urine leakages compared to the placebo.

In fact, many experienced a 79% reduction in embarrassing accidents when coughing, sneezing, laughing or physical activity at 6 weeks.

They also enjoyed a 39% decrease in daytime trips to the bathroom, and a 68% decrease in nighttime trips.

With these studies medical doctors and researchers have now proven BladderMax to be a clinically effective treatment for reducing embarrassing bladder leakages and incontinence.

The findings are impressive, no doubt, but results will vary.

But with results like these it's easy to see why thousands of callers are jamming the phone lines trying to get their hands on BladderMax.

HOW IT WORKS IS INCREDIBLE

Studies show that as many as one in six adults over age 40 suffers from an overactive bladder and embarrassing leakages.

"Losing control of when and how we go to the bathroom is just an indication of a weakening of the pelvic muscles caused by age-related hormonal changes," says Lewis.

"It happens in both men and women, and it is actually quite common."

The natural compound found in BladderMax contains the necessary ingredients needed to help strengthen bladder muscles to relieve urgency, while reducing frequency.

Plus, it helps relax bladder muscles allowing for complete emptying of the bladder.

This proprietary compound is known as 'EFLA940'®.

And with over 17 years of medical use there have been no adverse side effects reported.

This is a bonus for incontinence sufferers who have been taking prescription and over the counter medications that can cause dry mouth and constipation.

This seems to be another reason why BladderMax's release has triggered such a frenzy of sales.

RECOMMENDED BY U.S. MEDICAL DOCTORS

"Many of my patients used to complain that coughing, sneezing or even getting up quickly from a chair results in wetting themselves and they fear becoming a social outcast," reports Dr. Clifford James M.D. "But BladderMax changes all that."

As new pill gains popularity, products like these will become unnecessary.

"BladderMax effectively treats urinary disorders, specifically overactive bladder," said Dr. Christie Wilkins, board certified doctor of natural medicine.

"I use BladderMax everyday for my overactive bladder. I also have my sister and mother taking it regularly as well," said Dr. Jennifer Freeman, G.P. from NY.

DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE

Users of BladderMax report incredible results. That's why it comes with an equally incredible guarantee.

"There's only one reason why we can offer such a guarantee," said Kyle Harris, Founder of BladderMax. "It works for those who use it. It's as simple as that," he added.

Here's how it works: Take the pill exactly as directed. Then follow the simple instructions. You must be thrilled and amazed as your bladder control greatly improves.

Otherwise, return the product as directed and you'll receive double your money back!

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A re-discovery from the 1600s is causing a frenzy within the medical system. A weird herb has been shown in six clinical studies (and by thousands of users) to be very effective for leg and feet pain, burning and numbness – with no side effects – at low cost – and with no doctor visit or prescription needed.

This weird herb comes from a 12-foot tall tree that grows in Greece and other countries in Europe. In the old days, people noticed that when their horses who had leg and feet problems ate this herb – it was almost like magic how quickly their problems got much better. They called it the "horse herb". Then somehow with Europe's ongoing wars, this herbal secret got lost in time.

"It works for people who've tried many other treatments before with little or no success. Other doctors and I are shocked at how effective it is. It has created a lot of excitement" says Dr. Ryan Shelton, M.D.

Its active ingredient has been put into pill form and improved. It is being offered in the United States under the brand name Neuroflo.

WHY ALL THIS EXCITEMENT?

Researchers have found an herb originally from Greece that has been shown in six placebo-controlled medical studies (543 participants) to be effective and safe. This natural compound strengthens blood vessel walls and reduces swelling to stop the pain and suffering.

Poor blood flow in the legs and feet is one of the common problems that develops as we age. Millions of Americans suffer from neuropathy and chronic venous insufficiency (CVI), edema, and other leg/feet problems – millions have these but are undiagnosed.

Today's treatments don't work for a high percentage of people – and they have side effects that make them hard to tolerate or that people do not want to risk. This includes prescription drugs, over the counter pain pills, surgery and compression.

HOW IT WORKS

Here's why you have pain now: Your arteries have weakened. Your arteries can't carry enough blood, nutrients and oxygen down to your legs and feet. This damages your nerves and causes your burning, tingling and numbness.

The herbs in the pill Neuroflo strengthen your arteries that carry blood, nutrients and oxygen to your feet and legs. It improves your circulation so oxygenated blood goes to the nerves and repairs them. This makes your nerves grow stronger so your pain fades away and your legs and feet feel much younger again.

Katerina King from Murrieta, California says, "I had hands and feet tingling and snapping and burning feeling. It made my life very uncomfortable. I had a hard time walking, my legs felt like they each weighed 50 pounds. Once I got in my car and my feet felt so heavy I couldn't even drive the car. With Neuroflo I have no more tingling, cold or burning painful legs and feet. It went away."

WHAT DOCTORS ARE SAYING

"I have been recommending NeuroFlo to my patients for years, and I have been very impressed with the results. It is a safe and effective way to relieve the pain and discomfort of neuropathy. I highly recommend it," says Dr. James Leaper, M.D.

Dr. Ryan Shelton, M.D. says "This is new and different. It works for people who've tried many other things before. It is natural with no side effects. Don't give up hope for your leg and feet pain, burning, tingling and numbing. This pill is working for countless people after other treatments have failed them. I highly recommend it."

"NeuroFlo has been a game-changer for my patients with leg and foot pain. Its natural formulation, backed by scientific research, sets it apart from other supplements. I have witnessed significant improvements in my patients' symptoms and overall well-being. NeuroFlo is a safe and effective solution worth considering," said Dr. James Leaper, M.D.

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This is the official release of NeuroFlo for readers of Moose Magazine. Therefore, everyone who calls within the next 10 days will receive 50% OFF their first order. A toll-free hotline number has been set up for local readers to call for this 50% OFF savings. The number will be open starting at 7:00 am today and only for the next 10 days.

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